

To All Interested Parties:

SUBJECT: Notice of Region 9 Interim Approval of  
Methods 200.7\*, 200.8\*\*, 218.6\*\*\*, and 300.0\*\*\*\* for use in  
National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Compliance Monitoring

In accordance with the authority specified in 40 CFR Part 136.5, Region 9 approves of the interim use of EPA Methods 200.7\*, 200.8\*\*, 218.6\*\*\*, and 300.0\*\*\*\* as alternate test procedures (ATP) to the currently approved methods for use in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) monitoring. These methods were validated by the National Environmental Research Laboratory in Cincinnati, Ohio for nationwide use in NPDES monitoring in 1992. While validated, these methods have not yet been promulgated and published in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 136 - Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants Under the Clean Water Act. Region 9's interim approval for the subject methods is effective from October 4, 2002 until publication of the final rule in the Federal Register.

Interim approval is limited to, and written specifically for, Region 9 and the states and territories in its jurisdiction: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Pacific Protectorates including American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. During the interim period, laboratories utilizing these methods for NPDES monitoring must keep a copy of all initial demonstration of capability data, as per 40 CFR Part 136.4, on file for review by federal and state auditors.

Note that several other Regions have provided similar interim approvals. Laboratories located in other US EPA Regions should contact the individual responsible for administering the ATPs in that Region (see enclosure), to determine that Region's policy regarding the interim use of the alternate methods referenced in this notice.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call Vance Fong, Quality Assurance Manager, US EPA Region 9, Quality Assurance Office at (415) 972-3798.

Sincerely,

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- 1) \*Method 200.7, Determination of Metals and Trace Elements in Water and Wastes by Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emissions Spectrometry, [Revision 4.4, 1994]
- 2) \*\*Method 200.8, Determination of Trace Elements in Water by Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry, [Revision 5.4, 1995]
- 3) \*\*\*Method 218.6, Determination of Dissolved Hexavalent Chromium in Drinking Water, Groundwater and Industrial Wastewater Effluents by Ion Chromatography. [Revision 3.3, 1994]
- 4) \*\*\*\*Method 300.0, Determination of Inorganic Anions in Water by Ion Chromatography [Revision 2.1, August 1993]

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